



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

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Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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### National Survey

Forty states have reported survey results; 2,155 nurseries have been visited, 35,397 samples collected. Thirty-six positive sites in six states have been identified through national survey or Federal order and annual cleanliness compliance surveys. Outside of the three regulated west coast states, seven national survey positives have been confirmed. Georgia reports four positive nurseries, Louisiana reports two positive nurseries, and Tennessee reports one positive nursery. In the regulated states, California has found 23 positive nurseries during their Federal Order compliance surveys and annual cleanliness surveys, Oregon has identified five positive nurseries during their Federal Order compliance surveys and Washington has reported one National Survey positive

The US Forest Service and states are conducting nursery perimeter and general forest detection surveys in 38 states during 2005. As of June 15, USFS reports 205 nursery perimeter surveys in 19 states. USFS has collected 488 samples; results are available for 62 samples and all are negative. USFA reports 127 general forest surveys have been conducted in four states; 306 samples have been collected. There are no confirmed positives based on 28 results.

### Eastern Region

Two additional nurseries have been confirmed positive for *P. ramorum* in Georgia. Both are retail/garden centers. One is located in Forsyth County (*Rhododendron* sp. and *Camellia japonica*) and one in Gwinnett County (*Camellia sasanqua*).

### Western Region

Since the last report, California, Oregon and Washington report additional positive nurseries.

In California, three positive nurseries has been reported, one in each of three counties – Sonoma County (annual cleanliness survey, *Rhododendron* sp.), Sacramento County (compliance survey, *Camellia japonica*), and Placer County (compliance survey, *Pieris* sp.).

In Oregon, a total of four positive nurseries have been reported in three counties, Multnomah, Deschutes and Lane. In Multnomah County a retail/wholesale nursery was confirmed positive (*Pieris japonica*). In Deschutes County the positive nursery is a retail garden center and the positive plant was *Magnolia loebneri*, the first report of a *Magnolia* in the United States. The Lane County nurseries had a positive *Rhododendron* sp. and a positive *Pieris floribunda*; the type of survey has not yet been reported.

APHIS has received the first positive report from a Washington nursery. The Pierce County facility was found during national survey. The positive plant is a *Rhododendron* sp.

Positives Summary

<u>State</u>	Fed Order / Compliance Agreement	Trace Forward / Back	National Survey	Other / Unknown	<b>Total</b>
CA	23	27	0	1	<b>51</b>
GA	0	0	4	0	<b>4</b>
LA	0	0	2	0	<b>2</b>
OR	5	5	0	2	<b>12</b>
TN	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
WA	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>71</b>